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Bells are ringing…

Annual Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign is now under way

Bells will soon be ringing throughout the area as the Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign begins the annual drive for funding to help the less fortunate.

Christmas is an especially important time for The Salvation Army, which distributes Christmas food boxes to families in need, gift cards for food for senior citizens and toys to families in need for wrapping under the Christmas tree. The Red Kettle bell-ringing campaign is a major component of the fund raising effort, officials said.

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"This area is facing record numbers of the poor and destitute needing basic human services such as enough food to eat and a place to lay their heads," said Major Mark Anderson, general secretary and metro Detroit area commander of The Salvation Army of Metro Detroit. "Donating to The Salvation Army is the most direct way to help those touched by the state's continued economic woes, because .85 cents of every dollar given in your community goes directly to fund programs that change lives."

Officials from the Salvation Army explained that the need this year is greater than ever for the most vulnerable-those who may be choosing between paying rent or buying Christmas presents for their children, getting their medications or putting food on the table for their family. The effects of the pandemic have been felt in an extreme manner by many local families, they said.

The 82-day campaign began with tree lighting ceremonies in several local communities this month.

This year, the goal is $8.2 million, a figure needed to ensure the organization can continue providing more than 3 million meals and nearly 700,000 nights of shelter each year to the less fortunate, officials said.

Founded by William and Catherine Booth in London, England in 1865, The Salvation Army is a faith-based, non-profit organization dedicated to serving people in need without discrimination. This past year, The Salvation Army of Metro Detroit was involved in providing 3,194,802 million meals and 687,203 nights of shelter for the homeless. For more information about The Salvation Army, call 877-SAL-MICH, or visit www.salmich. org.

14-year-old arrested in threat against high school

A 14-year-old Inkster resident is facing criminal charges following an on-line threat against John Glenn High School last week.

According to police reports, administrators at the school district learned of the social media threat Sunday, Nov. 20. In response to the situation, the high school was closed to students Monday, Nov. 21 and transitioned to virtual learning on Tuesday, Nov. 22 while the police investigation was under way.

Officials from the Wayne-Westland Community Schools district and Westland police investigators began a cooperative investigation into the posted threat. Michigan State Police and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) officers also provided assistance in the investigation, police said.

> "The safety and security of the students and their staff are top priorities."

Investigators located and arrested the 14-year-old suspect who was a ninth-grade student at John Glenn High School. The 14-year-old was in custody at the Wayne County Juvenile Detention Center awaiting arraignment this week on criminal charges, police said.

"In nearly every situation, parents are responding the same way saying that they could never imagine their child making a threat like this. This is yet another example of how important it is for parents to be aware of their children's social media activity and the serious ramifications that will result," noted Westland Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik.

"The safety and security of the students and their staff are top priorities and we want to ensure a safe and supportive learning environment for all of the students. Law enforcement and Wayne-Westland Community Schools will continue to work together and quickly identify those responsible for all school threats and will pursue prosecuting to the fullest extent of the law," stated a prepared release from the school district offices.

Recruitment violations bench Belleville head football coach

Belleville High School Football Coach Jermain Crowell has been prohibited from coaching any sport at any school for the next two academic years.

The ruling, handed down last week by officials from the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA), followed an investigation of charges that Crowell violated the undue influence rule, approaching potential players inappropriately in attempts to recruit them for the Belleville team.

Crowell, who has coached the Tigers for eight seasons, was immediately suspended by school officials when the ruling was revealed in a letter of inquiry from MHSAA last month. He was prohibited from coaching the state championship Belleville team during the ongoing playoffs. The team is being coached by interim head coach DeJuan Rogers, according to school officials.

Belleville won the Division 1 State Championship game against Caledonia 35-17 Saturday at Ford Field.

Crowell will not be returning to Belleville High School when the suspension is lifted, according to school Athletic Director Joe Brodie who told local media outlets that "the consensus is he can't coach for us. We have to find a new coach." He said the search for a new coach would begin following the championship tournament.

Officials from MHSAA placed the Belleville program on probation following recruitment violations of a former assistant coach, explained association Director Mark Uyl. He said the school will remain on probation through the 2024-25 academic year.

Uyl told reporters the school had been informed that any subsequent violations of undue influence ruling will result in the school losing eligibility for championship competition.

The investigation was triggered when a student at another school told reporters that Crowell had contacted him and personally transported him to summer practice sessions and seven-on-seven competitions. Officials from MHSAA were also made aware of a TV show which included information that two players for Belleville were living with Crowell.

Jermain Crowell

Uyl said the association staff spent more than a month investigating the allegations and discovered multiple cases of violation of recruitment rules.

Belleville is a school of choice district and reportedly, high school coaches from other districts had complained about Crowell's tactics previously, suggesting the improbability that one school could attract the roster of high quality players attending Belleville.

Crowell also serves as the Belleville High School student safety liaison but no decision on that position was available at press time.

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Romulus

Best friends…
Donations, adoptions continue to operate Romulus Animal Shelter

Romulus City Councilman William Wadsworth urged support for some "best friends" during the regular meeting of the council earlier this month.

Wadsworth reminded the audience and those viewing the meeting remotely that Christmas was a time when many people thought about a new pet as a gift or addition to the family.

"Think about the Romulus Animal Shelter," he said. "If you are thinking of a dog or cat, go the Romulus shelter to look first. If you adopt a pet, have it neutered, you will get money back," he said.

> *It's Christmas and a good time to donate,*

He also urged people to consider contributions to the shelter, where he has was instrumental in fundraising for construction of the new building and continues to raise funds for operational expenses including food and medical care for the animals. He mentioned that financial contributions to the facility have decreased as the annual fundraisers have not taken place and urged people to consider donating. He added that there were several good causes in the community to which residents could donate such as the Helping Hand facility and St. John's Lodge, all of which do a great deal of good work in the community.

"It's Christmas and a good time to donate," Wadsworth urged.

In agreement with Wadsworth's suggestions, a large contribution of much needed animal food and supplies from the Romulus FedEx Van Buren office was recently delivered to the shelter. In addition, students from the Summit Academy recently contributed a large supply of used and new blankets to the shelter and also donated funds the students earned from the sale of a newsletter they designed.

Shelter officials said they were very grateful for all the much-needed help from the community and stressed the continued need at the facility.

Wadsworth also thanked the administration and Mayor Robert McCraight for the recent installation of signs directing motorists and the public to the animal shelter, something he had been advocating and requesting for several years.

"There were no signs to get to the animal shelter and people would ask where it was and how to get there. Now people can find it," he said. "I also want to thank the DPW workers for installing the signs and everyone else involved," he said.

"I appreciate it, and so do the dogs and cats."

The shelter is located at 12300 Wayne Road in Romulus. For more information, call (734) 942-7591. Photos of animals available for adoption can be found on the Romulus Animal Shelter Facebook page.

Employees from the Van Buren FedEx office present donations of animal food and supplies to the Romulus Animal Shelter on Wayne Road. Shelter officials were grateful, they said, for the much-needed supplies.

Students from the Summit Academy are all smiles as they hand over new and used blankets to Romulus Animal Shelter employees along with a check for funds generated from the sale of a newsletter the students designed and sold.

Holiday train will highlight tree lighting event tonight

Tonight is the night for the Holiday Train and official tree lighting in Romulus.

Festivities will begin at 6 p.m. in Romulus Historical Park on Goddard Road to coincide with the arrival of the Canadian Pacific Holiday train, which will travel east west on the nearby tracks.

The train is expected between 8 and 10 p.m., officials said. The local Girl Scouts will lead the crowd in Christmas carols and the Romulus High School band will perform. There will also be concessions and vendors on hand during the event. While the event is free, audiences are asked to bring a non-perishable food item for the Stuff the Bus event to benefit the Romulus Helping Hands facility.

Santa will be on hand to help light the official Romulus Christmas tree. Attendees should dress warmly and bring a folding chair, organizers suggested.

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BELLEVILLE - CANTON - SUMPTER

New Sumpter Township treasurer thanks voters

Newly-elected Sumpter Township Treasurer Bart Patterson was officially sworn into office recently by Township Clerk Esther Hurst.

Patterson took the opportunity to thank those who voted for him Nov. 8 and said he welcomed the opportunity to meet so many residents at the fire station and the community center during the day. He said he was looking forward to his first official township board meeting which took place last Tuesday.

"I'm reminded of the importance of not only the week-to-week affairs in the business management of Sumpter Township, but also the responsibility of planning for the future, not just for ourselves, but for generations to come. I am humbled by the opportunity to serve you as treasurer and I do not take the responsibility lightly," he said in a prepared statement.

"I'd like to encourage everyone to get involved in the community they live in. Most of the time we are content with just focusing on ourselves, our family, and our jobs, and forgetting about the responsibility to serve others, myself included. And even though those things are the most important in our lives, we shouldn't forget the need to serve each other. There are many, many things that every community could use help with, and the first step is just saying 'What can I do to help?' he continued.

Patterson, a Republican, was the choice of 1,712 or 65 percent of voters over his opponent, Sheena Barns who received 35 percent or 923 votes in the election.

"My pledge is to work hard for the citizens of Sumpter Township, to be honest and as forthright as possible," he added.

Patterson concluded by urging residents to contact him or the treasurer's office at township hall with any concerns or requests for information or help.

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Wrong way driver results in 2 fatalities

Police said a preliminary investigation indicates that alcohol may have been a factor in an early morning Thanksgiving Day crash that killed two area residents.

A 28-year-old man from Belleville reportedly entered M-14 near Beck Road at about 2:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 24 going the wrong way on the highway. Michigan State Police reports said that as troopers responded to the wrong way driver complaints, witnesses in the area reported a head-on crash.

The two vehicles involved collided and left the Belleville driver dead at the scene, according to police reports. Troopers said the early investigation indicated that the 28-year-old was at fault as he was driving the wrong way in the middle lane on the westbound side of the road.

The driver of the second vehicle, a 44-year-old man from Canton Township, was also pronounced dead at the scene by emergency medical responders. A passenger in the second vehicle, a 35-year-old man, was transported from the scene of the crash to a local hospital. His condition was reported as critical.

Canton offers mental health workshops

Canton Township Leisure Services is currently offering a free series of mental health workshops to help area residents learn important self-care skills. Participants in the Family First and Social Services Workshops will receive information and be introduced to practices that support mental well-being, according to Laura Mortier, Canton recreation supervisor.

"Our goal with these free workshops is to offer resources, as well as educational opportunities, so that individuals can find tools of support for themselves or ways to help support others," said Mortier. "These unique opportunities are designed to show and help participants learn how to nurture themselves and develop mindful self-care plans on a variety of topics."

These workshops are free and open to everyone meeting the age limit, with no residency requirement. All sessions will take place at the Summit on the Park Banquet Center, located at 46000 Summit Parkway.

Scheduled workshops include: Navigating the Mental Healthcare System: Monday, Dec. 5 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. (Ages 16 and up); Suicide TALK: Tuesday, Jan. 17 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. (Ages 16 and up); QPR Training for Suicide Prevention: Tuesday, Jan. 24 from 6-8 p.m. (Ages 16 and up) and Understanding and Supporting Change: Monday, Feb. 6 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

For additional information and to register for these and other free workshops, visit www.cantonfun.org/register or call (734) 394-5460.

Concert set

The 16th annual Belleville Community Chorus holiday concert, JOY-HOPE-LOVE will begin at 3 p.m. Dec. 11 at Belleville United Methodist Church. The concert will be directed by Mary Butler-Loring, accompanied by Judith Weed, and will feature traditional songs of the season. As always, the concert is free, though donations are welcome.

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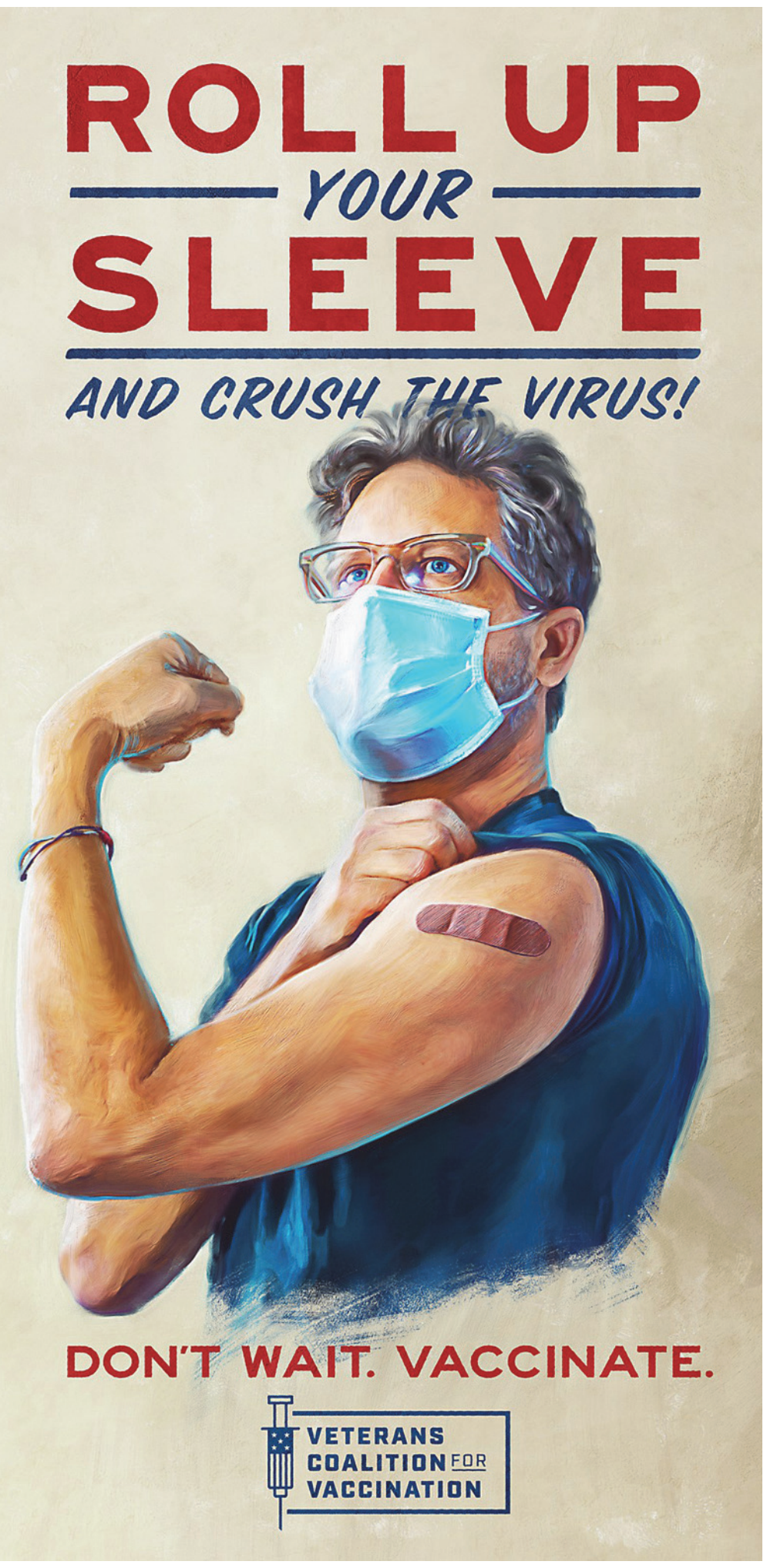


Northville

Interim city manager starts in Northville this week

Members of the Northville City Council have approved the hiring of Mark Wollenweber, former city manager of Grosse Pointe Shores, as interim city manager. Current City Manager Pat Sullivan will retire on Jan. 6, 2023.

Council members interviewed three candidates for the position before awarding the job to Wollenweber during a special meeting Nov. 17.

Wollenweber said he is committed to providing high quality leadership through his experience, education and involvement in the public sector. He serves on the boards of the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce and the Detroit Area Agency on Aging.

> *He was expected to begin with the city this week and will continue until a new city manager is named.*

Among Wollenweber's credentials and accolades was an article in Public Management publication.

"He spearheaded the Intergovernmental Cable Communications Authority that provided cable service to nine communities in Oakland County, Michigan. It was one of the largest cable consortia in the country at the time and continues today. In St. Clair Shores, he was responsible for the development of Lac Sainte Claire Park, which included a marina development and a refurbished municipal pool. It was funded by the largest recreational bond issued at the time. And he was responsible for what became the Nautical Mile, a commercial TIF district and merchants' association along Lake Saint Clair - the first successful development in that area after two failures," the article said of Wollenweber's professional accomplishments.

He was expected to begin with the city this week and will continue until a new city manager is named. During that time, Wollenweber will assist Sullivan in the administrative transition.

City council members have retained the services of Walsh Municipal Services to conduct the permanent city manager search.

Mark Wollenweber

Downs development preliminary plan is 'almost' approved

Members of the Northville City Council approved the preliminary Planned Urban Development (PUD) site plan for The Downs development last week.

Council members imposed 10 conditions on the approval, however, adhering to contingencies set by members of the Northville Planning Commission. Council members also acknowledgement that approval of several items by city officials and the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) is necessary.

The Northville Brownfield Redevelopment Authority and members of the city council must approve a brownfield plan and financing plan, before final approval. Council members must also approve a tax abatement proposal regarding the proposed apartment building to be constructed as part of the project along with several other items including the expansion of the DDA boundary around a portion of the new development.

Council members also need to review and approve a PUD agreement for the project concurrently with the final site plan being submitted to the planning commission.

Council members waived the second reading and approved the adoption of Ordinance No. 09-19-22Z to rezone the subject property to PUD during their regular meeting last week.

Mayor Brian Turnbull told the council members that Wayne County officials have given him a commitment letter for $3.2 million to be used for infrastructure that supports the Downs development.

It's A Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play at Tipping Point

Tipping Point Theatre launched the 15th theatrical season this month with a production of Joe Landry's adaptation of It's A Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play.

"We begin our 15th season with a classic," said Co-Producing Artistic Director Julia Glander. "This story within a story…within a story about love and redemption holds up remarkably well in our present, pandemic world.

"How do we find joy in these unsettled times? We look to the people around us. Our family, friends, colleagues, neighbors and even the strangers we meet. This story reminds us to take care of each other. Let's celebrate and cherish our people this holiday season, the 'true angels on earth," she added.

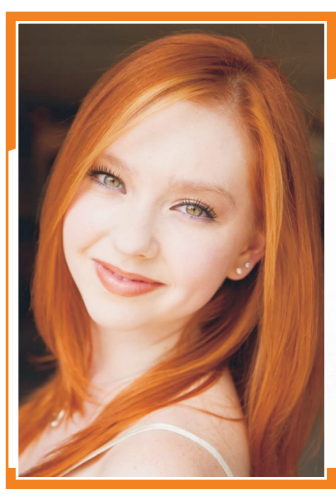
Widely considered a hallmark of the holiday season, It's A Wonderful Life tells the tale of idealistic George Bailey, who is played by radio actor Jake Laurents (who is played by Detroit local actor Kevin O'Callaghan), in this captivating American holiday classic set over the WXYZ Radio airwaves in 1946 Metro Detroit. Complete with on-stage Foley Artist sound effects, a strong acting ensemble, including Rico Bruce Wade, Kevin O'Callaghan, Faith Berry, Patrick Loos, and Annabelle Young, embody 43 favorite holiday characters in the beloved story on one fateful, life-affirming Christmas Eve.

"What a gift to be able to tell a story that so purely embraces the redemptive power of love, community, and connection," said Co-Producing Artistic Director Jamie Warrow, "concepts that are necessarily diminished in modern digital dealings and virtual realities. We hope this story sparks joy. We wish you a holiday season that celebrates human connection, is bright with love and laughter, and presents infinite possibility in the new year."

It's A Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play will continue at the Tipping Point through Dec. 18. Tickets are on sale now and for prices and availability, call (248) 347-0003.

Following these performances, the season continues with the Michigan premiere of Loy A. Webb's The Light, followed by Robert Harling's modern classic Steel Magnolias, and concludes with the world premiere of the Tracy L. Spada comedy Game. Set. Match!

It's A Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play is onstage at The Tipping Point Theater.



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All vehicles are sold in "as is condition". Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction. This is a cash only sale and all vehicles must be paid in full at the time of the conclusion of the auction.

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Wayne - Westland

Thanksgiving…

Mayors, community thank veterans and families for service to country

Westland Mayor William R. Wild, Wayne Mayor John P. Rhaesa, Wayne Ford Civic League President Vic Barra, and several elected officials handed out holiday meals last week to during the Ninth Annual Meals for Wayne-Westland Veterans, Surviving Spouses, and Families of Active-Duty Service Members program.

Recipients received a 12-16 pound turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, sweet potatoes, corn, green beans, cranberry sauce, and rolls for a family of six to eight people. The holiday meals were a token of appreciation for service from area residents, official organizers said. Families who needed assistance, special arrangements or delivery were all accommodated during the program.

The event was coordinated by Wild and Rhaesa, members of the Westland and Wayne city councils, Westland City Council President Jim Hart and Councilwoman Andrea Rutkowski. Westland Councilwoman Melissa Sampey organized meal delivery coordination. The effort was also helped by Wayne Ford Civic League members, Westland Community Police officers, VFW 9885 BOVA Auxiliary, John Glenn High School Junior Varsity Football team members, Westland Democratic Club members, Norwayne Kronk Boxing Gym members, Norwayne Citizens Council members, U.S. Ice, and many other individuals.

More than $20,000 in donations for the effort were contributed by Kirk of Our Savior Church, VFW Post 9885 Bova and Auxiliary, Westland Rotary Club, Fausone, Bonn, PLC, Wayne 100 Club, The Westland House Affordable Assisted Living, Councilman Mike McDermott, The Westland Democratic Club, Hegira Health, Inc. and several others.

Warm wishes

Knights of Columbus #3021 Notre Dame Council member John Albrecht is all smiles at the 36 cases of new warm winter coats which were donated to the less fortunate in the community. Donations to the 2022 Coats for Kids campaign included contributions from Albrecht, Victoria's Tea Salon, Wild Bills Cigar Bar and City of Wayne-Downtown Development Authority. The annual coat giveaway of the group took place Nov. 15 and all the donated coats and jackets were presented to local youngsters and their families.

'Deck City Hall'

Santa arrives in Westland Wednesday

Santa will officially arrive in Westland next week.

One of the most popular events in the city is planned for 5:30 p.m. next Wednesday, Dec. 7 in front of Westland City Hall. Santa will arrive to Deck the City Hall and help light the official city holiday tree.

The event will take place outdoor, organizers cautioned, so those attending should dress for the weather. Attendees will gather in front of city hall on Warren Road to sing Christmas Carols and welcome Santa and Mrs. Clause. This year, the event will include sing-a-longs, holiday music by saxophonist Steven Thomas, cookies and cocoa and goodie bags for the children, provided by the Westland Fire Department. Children are encouraged to write out their lists for Santa and bring them to the event to be placed in Santa's

Mailbox that goes directly to the North Pole. Letters can be dropped off at Westland City Hall until Christmas Eve, organizers said.

Inkster - Plymouth

Reward being offered in hit and run death

> *There is currently a $1,000 reward for information regarding the identity of the driver of the vehicle offered by Sure Conveyors.*

Plymouth Township Police investigators are not the only ones searching for information about the death of a man killed by a hit and run driver last month.

Warren Flagg, 79, was hit and killed Oct. 30 as he raked leaves outside his home on Beck Road in Plymouth Township. According to the Plymouth Township Police Department, preliminary investigation indicated the vehicle that struck and killed Flagg may be a 2007-2010 Pontiac Solstice (unknown color) with damage to the front passenger side.

There is currently a $1,000 reward for information regarding the identity of the driver of the vehicle offered by Sure Conveyors.

Flagg was discovered lying near the road in front of his home at about 7 p.m. by a passing motorist who stopped to help. The unknown motorist then applied a tourniquet to Flagg's severely injured leg and waited for an ambulance. The good Samaritan then drove Flagg's wife, Julia, to the hospital following the ambulance. Flagg died at 11:11 p.m. that night at the hospital as a result of the injuries sustained in the crash.

The identity of the individual who stopped and helped is also unknown to Flagg's grieving family. In addition to his wife, Flagg is survived by three children and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

"Accidents happen 100 percent. I understand that, but whoever it was, left, it becomes murder, and that's not fair," said Flagg's daughter Liz Crawford.

Anyone with information about the incident is asked to contact the Plymouth Township Police Department at (734) 354-3232.

Warren Flagg, who was killed Oct. 30, left several beloved grandchildren.

Church continuing charitable clothing collection

With winter temperatures already here, Friends of Unity Church representatives are seeking clothing for children 3 to 14 years old, like socks, underwear and warm pajamas. The clothing will go to God's Storehouse, a Detroit charity that assists people who are homeless or living in poverty.

Donors can drop off clothing through Dec. 4 at the Plymouth Community Arts Council building at 774 N, Sheldon Road, Plymouth. Clothing can be placed in a labeled drop box in the lobby from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays and from 9 a.m. until noon Sundays.

The Special Youth Clothing Collection is in collaboration with Song and Spirit, a Royal Oak interfaith nonprofit. It is part of the Friends of Unity'broader guiding principles, which include serving the homeless, the hungry, the illiterate and animal shelters. Activities include spring and fall yard cleanup in partnership with Plymouth Community Arts Council, serving families and collecting food for Northville Civic Concern.

Friends of Unity Church, founded in 2010, is open to all faiths, offering tools and resources to help people apply positive spiritual principles in their lives, said a prepared release.

Donations sought to help Inkster Goodfellows effort

Again this year, the Inkster Goodfellows will be providing meals and gifts to those in need in the community. Originally founded as the old newsboys organization more than 80 years ago in Detroit, the effort now reaches across the country to help the less fortunate during the holiday season.

To help the effort this year, volunteers will assist in collecting donations at intersections throughout Inkster during the annual "No Child Without A Christmas" Goodfellows campaign. Recently, the organization sent letters to local companies, churches, and individuals who might be able to assist in raising funds to help the children in the Inkster community.

Organizers said that ongoing effects of the COVID 19 pandemic have severely impacted fund donation for the effort. The Inkster Goodfellows were forced to forgo their annual efforts the past two years due to the effects of the pandemic, organizers said, leaving many local families without resources they needed and depended on for help. Applications for help from the Inkster Goodfellows have closed for this year.

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"We do not want to skip another year in helping the children in our community. We are a 501-C3 organization and the Inkster Goodfellows have been in existence for over 70 years. Great things happen when we unite and work together for a common goal," explained Barbara J. Cooper, president of the Inkster Goodfellows.

Cooper thanked anyone who could donate or contribute in advance for their help and support of the effort to ensure there is No Child Without A Christmas in the city.

For more information or volunteer opportunities, contact Cooper at (313) 505-1140.

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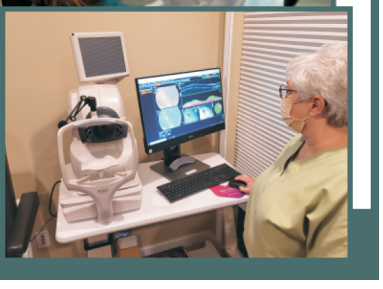

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